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COMMITTEE AGAIN URGES SECRETARY TESTIFY ON NUCLEAR EXPORT
(S/S 7601429)

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SENATORS RIBICOFF, GLENN,
AND PERCY HAS BEEN RECEIVED:

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

"THIS MORNING, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
HEARD VERY PROVOCATIVE TESTIMONY FROM DAVID LILIENTHAL TO
THE EFFECT THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD IMPOSE AN
IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE EMBARGO ON ALL PEACEFUL NUCLEAR
EXPORTS, TO REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL A SATISFACTORY INTERNA-
TIONAL SYSTEM OF SAFEGUARDS IS NEGOTIATED AND IMPLEMENTED
TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY TO
OTHER NATIONS.

"MR. LILIENTHAL'S PROPOSAL WON THE QUALIFIED SUPPORT OF THE
OTHER DISTINGUISHED WITNESSES APPEARING ON THE SAME PANEL,
DR. HANS BETHE AND DR. HERBERT YORK.

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"WE ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING THIS PROPOSAL FROM SUCH AN EMINENT FIGURE IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD OUR MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, AND ASK, THEREFORE, THAT YOU MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO APPEAR AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 30, OR ON ANOTHER DATE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. OUR STAFF HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT COMPETING PRIORITIES NECESSITATED YOUR DECLINING OUR ORIGINAL INVITATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO HIGHER PRIORITY IN TERMS OF PROTECTING THE NATIONAL INTEREST THAN BRINGING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY UNDER IMMEDIATE CONTROL.

"WE HOPE VERY MUCH, THEREFORE, THAT YOU CAN ACCEPT OUR INVITATION AND USE AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A COMPLETE, DETAILED POLICY STATEMENT ON THE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION PROBLEM, DEALING SPECIFICALLY WITH THE LILIENTHAL PROPOSAL, YOUR OWN PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTINATIONAL REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS, AND THE INTERAGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN S. 1439, THE EXPORT REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1976.

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION."

2. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESPONSE PREPARED FOR MR. MCCLOSKEY'S SIGNATURE IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL:

"DEAR SENATOR RIBICOFF:

"SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ASKED ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 19, 1976, CONCERNING THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARINGS ON S. 1439, THE EXPORT REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1976.

"THE SECRETARY FULLY SHARES THE COMMITTEE'S BELIEF THAT THERE IS NO HIGHER PRIORITY IN TERMS OF PROTECTING THE NATIONAL INTEREST THAN BRINGING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY UNDER IMMEDIATE CONTROL. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT HE HAS DESIGNATED DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL TO BE THE PRINCIPAL STATE DEPARTMENT WITNESS AT YOUR JANUARY 30 HEARING AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE VIEWS ON GENERAL QUESTIONS OF NON-PROLIFERATION AND, SPECIFICALLY, ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED EXPORT REORGANIZATION ACT. HE WILL, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS ALSO DAVID LILIENTHAL'S EMBARGO PROPOSAL. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT MR. INGERSOLL'S TESTIMONY WILL FAITHFULLY REFLECT THE SECRETARY'S THINKING ON THESE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUES.

"SHOULD IT BE FEASIBLE AND NECESSARY FOR THE SECRETARY TO
APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AT A LATER TIME, I
AM SURE HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER IT."

RECOMMENDATION

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE OF THE LETTER IN PARAGRAPH
TWO.

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